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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce D. H. PAYNE as a candidate for Constable for Jeffersonville District at the election to be held the 4th Thursday in May.

We are authorized to announce R. G. McCALL as a candidate for Supervisor for Jeffersonville District at the election to be held the 4th Thursday in May.

We are authorized to announce Jim Ed. Peery as a candidate for Supervisor for Jeffersonville District at the election to be held the 4th Thursday in May.

We are authorized to announce Mr. J. M. C. CATRON as a candidate for Magistrate in the Jeffersonville District, at the election, to be held on the FOURTH THURSDAY IN MAY.

Tazewell has a chain gang. All right, just as it should be. A chain gang and whipping post, established in all our towns, would lessen crime, give better streets and decrease public expenses.

The Roanoke World says outsiders need not worry themselves about the platform the Virginia Democrats will adopt at the coming convention. They can rest assured that it will not be the one O'Ferral has been standing upon.—Ex

The people are now told to wait until the new tariff bill becomes a law and then they will have prosperity. Last year they told us to just elect McKinley and as soon as his election was known confidence would arrive. Can there be any doubt of his election?—World.

Why cannot Russia go in and bat for Greece, in this, her last inning.—Richmond Times.
No reason in the world. We would like to see her Russia right into it; but she seems to think she'd better go slow on it.—Bristol News.

Perhaps she is afraid of being gobbled up.

If the people want better times soon there is only one way to get them, and that is by getting together and help to make them better. As the evening World rightly says, waiting on McKinley is all foolishness. Nothing but disappointment in the future, as in the past, await those who are looking for help from that source.

Before another issue of our paper the election will have been held, and the question of a constitutional convention decided. Only in certain districts of the State does there seem to be any great interest manifested in the issue. The result at the polls next Thursday will not be a test either of Republican strength on the one hand, or of Democratic weakness on the other. The question simply has not been discussed thoroughly, and is, therefore, not understood.

Ed. News: I see from last issue your paper that you are in favor of the road across East River mountain to Graham. As a citizen of Tazewell I am in favor of any and all movements looking to the improvement and development of our county.

Every body will admit that this road will benefit only a small number of the people of the county. The citizens of Clear Fork, Graham and Bland county, are the people to be most benefited, and we submit that they ought to build this road. The Clear Fork District is entitled to its share of the road tax, but is it fair to tax all the people to build the road there for the benefit of only a very few? The merchants of Graham, and the people of Bland county could well afford to build this road, and if it can be built for the small sum of \$3,500, the cost would be very small when apportioned among them. Instead of feeling lawyers, and trying to get the courts to take hold of the matter, let the Graham, Clear Fork and Bland people go ahead and build the road. They might have had it built long ago.

May 19th, '97. CITIZEN.
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WANAMAKER'S SPEECH.

Hon. John Wanamaker, postmaster-general under Harrison, was called on the other day at a Business Men's League Banquet in Philadelphia for a speech, and right well did he respond. In the city of Philadelphia where your Uncle John Wanamaker lives, it was almost dangerous last year for a man to advocate free silver, so strong was the sentiment for national honor and McKinley prosperity. But a change has been wrought and Mr. Wanamaker's speech will no doubt place him upon the mugwump bench. The speech in question was a surprise to the speaker's Republican friends. He commented rather severely on the failure of President McKinley to restore the prosperity he had promised before the election, and then further astonished his Republican associates by declaring that the present low state of the political condition of the country must eventually result in the formation of a new party which will refuse to be dominated by unscrupulous bosses. Mr. Wanamaker is right. He sees the handwriting on the wall, which declares that no good can come from the single gold standard. This is the same gentleman who paid \$50,000 for a seat at Harrison's pie counter.

ABOUT the time Mr. Wanamaker was making his scathing speech at the Banquet in Philadelphia, 35,000 starving garment makers of New York quit work. They said they were starving at their work, and if they quit work the agony would end quicker. What dreadful testimony to the truth of the address of Mr. Wanamaker!

Why Not W. J. Bryan?

The New Orleans States says: Heaven grant the Democratic party a hero—a leader. Not a leader whose politics consist of original views on dress coat. Not a leader such as Gorman or McPherson, who will sell themselves to the trust devil for sugar stock. Not a leader who thinks he is obeying the voice of the people when he stands for a cane patch in his district against the rights and interests of the seventy million of American people. But a great hearted and a broad gauged patriot, who is a Democrat on principle and holds his Democracy as he does his religion. A leader who will never surrender or compromise until the rights of the people of the whole country are protected. One, not the vile agent of trusts and tariff robbers and a trampler upon the poor, the widow and the orphan and the industries of his country, at the bidding of his plutocratic masters.

When we have such a leader, the Democratic party will once more rule the country.

Of course the States did not mean this plea for a eulogy of Mr. Bryan, but he fills the requirements of the States so thoroughly that we cannot refrain from alluding to him. Mr. Bryan's politics consist, not of original views of dress coats as the States seem to think Mr. Bailey does, nor can any man truthfully charge that Mr. Bryan would sell himself to the devil trust for sugar stock.

And if he be not a great hearted, broad gauged patriot, who is a Democrat on principle and holds his Democracy as his religion, we have not such a man in this country.

Ball at Cedar Bluff Last Night.

A ball was given at the Blue Sulphur Inn last night, which was quite a brilliant affair. The following from Tazewell attended and took part in the festivities: Misses Bettie and Alice Alexandria, Josie Smythe, Carrie Dunn, and Messrs. D. H. Smythe, Barnes and Jeff. Gillespie, Al. and Sid. Higginbotham, and J. P. Harman. A Lynchburg orchestra furnished the music.

The Angel's Song.

"Behold I bring glad tidings of great joy, for unto you is born this day * * a son." So sang the angels, long ago, and so they sang on Wednesday evening, in Tazewell, in the home of Col. H. C. Alderson. On this eventful evening there was born to Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Sexton, a splendid baby boy. Heartly congratulations.

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NOTICE.

The Rt. Rev. A. M. Randolph, D. D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, will preach and administer the ancient and Holy Rite of confirmation in Stras Memorial P. E. church, at Tazewell Va. Wednesday, 26th, at 8 o'clock p. m. You are cordially invited to attend.

W. D. BUCKNER,
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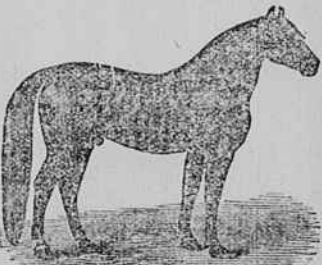
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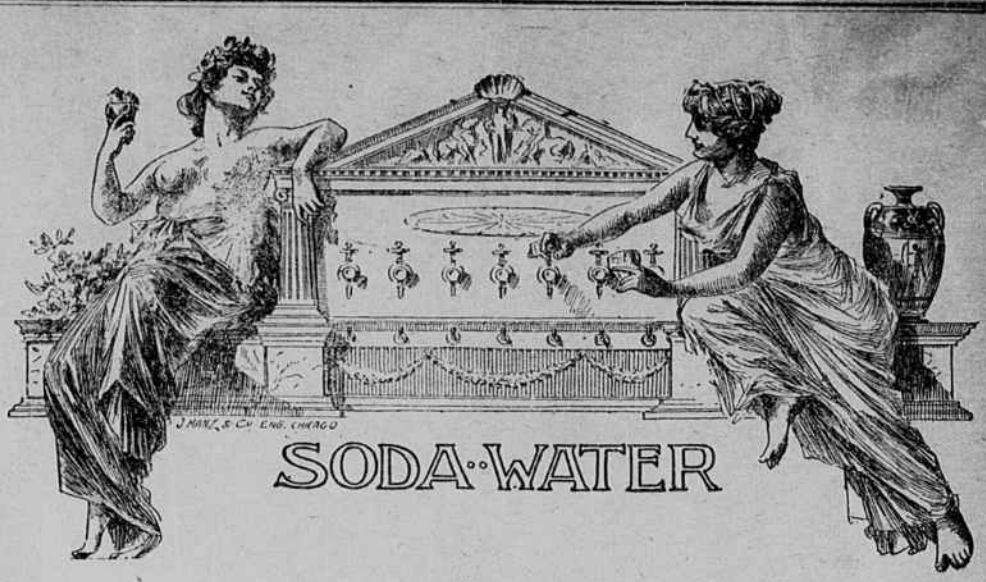
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